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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS DISCUSSES BELGIUM'S
EC PRESIDENCY GOALS

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1. PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS MET WITH THE PRESS JULY 7
AND GAVE HIS VIEWS ON THE ROLE BELGIUM WOULD PLAY AS
THE PRESIDENT OF THE EC FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. FULL
FRENCH TEXT POUCHED EUR/NE, MR. DJEREJIAN.
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2. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF TINDEMANS' STATEMENT
IN EMBASSY SUMMARY TRANSLATION.

"MY OBJECTIVE IS TO GIVE POLITICAL CLARIFICATION
TO THE ACTION PROGRAM IN ORDER TO MAKE BETTER
UNDERSTOOD THAT WHICH WE AIM TO REALIZE AND

IN WHAT SPIRIT WE INTEND TO DO IT.

"WE MUST PREPARE FOR EUROPEAN ISSUES TO BE POLITICIZED SO THAT THESE PROBLEMS CAN BE PERCEIVED BY THE PUBLIC IN THEIR TRUE FORM AS THE PUBLIC INEVITABLY HAS A TENDENCY TO LOSE INTEREST IN THE NUMEROUS MEETINGS WHICH TREAT TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ITEM BY ITEM. THIS MUST BE DONE IN THE ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT PERSPECTIVE OF THE DIRECT ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT.

"THREE QUESTIONS WILL RETAIN OUT PARTICULAR ACTION.

"FIRST, WE MUST REFINDE CONFIDENCE IN OURSELVES AND IN EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS.

"SECOND, TO DO SO REQUIRES AN ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL EFFORT BASED ON THREE KEY FACTORS WHICH WILL DOMINATE EUROPEAN EVENTS IN THE COMING MONTHS:

A) THE DIRECT ELECTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MUST BE ORGANIZED JURIDICALLY, WHICH WILL REQUIRE POLITICAL PREPARATIONS.
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IT IS NOT AN EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT EUROPE WILL OR WILL NOT BE ON THE BASIS OF WHETHER WE SUCCEED IN ESTABLISHING THE BASIS OF A TRUE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT.

B) THE SECOND CHALLENGE THE COMMUNITY MUST FACE IS THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITIES. THE QUESTION IS NOT ONLY A QUANTITATIVE MODIFICATION, BUT ALSO TO BRING ABOUT A QUALITATIVE CHANGE UPON WHICH THE TRUE FUTURE FORM OF EUROPE WILL DEPEND. THE ENLARGEMENT ISSUE TOUCHES ON THE FUNDAMENTAL BASIS OF THE COMMUNITY. THE PROBLEMS RAISED MUST BE POSED CLEARLY SO THAT THEY CAN BE RESOLVED BY A POLITICAL WILLINGNESS TO DO SO WHICH WE ALL WISH TO EXERCISE.

C) THE THIRD THEME OF THE BELGIAN PRESIDENCY IS THE PURSUIT OF THE OBJECTIVE OF EUROPEAN UNION. IT IS CLEAR THAT THAT ALL CANNOT BE REALIZED IN THESE FEW MONTHS;

NOT EVEN THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE
SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT WHICH
I PRESENTED. HOWEVER, IT IS EQUALLY EVIDENT
THAT THE BELGIAN PRESIDENCY WILL HAVE DEAR TO
ITS HEART THE ANNUAL EXAMINATION OF THE
PUTTING INTO EFFECT OF THE IDEAS CONTAINED
IN THIS REPORT.

"THIRD, WE HAVE OPTED FOR A CONCRETE AND REA-
LISTIC PROGRAM WITH ITS OWN COHESION AND
POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE. ECONOMIC AND MONETARY

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INTEGRATION MUST BE ADDRESSED AND A COLLECTION
OF MEASURES MUST BE WORKED UPON, NOTABLY
IN THE FIELDS OF INDUSTRIAL, REGIONAL, SOCIAL
AND ENERGY POLICIES. THE EFFORT MUST BE TO
FACE THE CONJECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DIFFICULTIES
WHICH OUR COUNTRIES FACE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN

GROWTH AND TO FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT." CHAMBERS

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